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TRA to Investigate Atmos Energy on Allegations of Overcharging for Delivery of Natural Gas

Nashville, Tennessee – The Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) today voted to open an investigation of Atmos Energy as a result of allegations made by the Tennessee Office of the Attorney General that Atmos Energy is overcharging its customers for the delivery of natural gas.

“The TRA’s mission statement directs us to promote the public interest while balancing the interests of Tennessee consumers and utility service providers,” said TRA Chairman Ron Jones. “Obviously, we will not rush to judgment on whether or not Atmos is overcharging its customers, but we will look at the facts and render a thoughtful decision based on those facts.”

Atmos Energy is a regulated natural gas company and serves portions of Middle and East Tennessee. The last time Atmos’s rates were investigated by the State was in 1995.

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